

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by Ed O'Melia, Board President. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jennifer Cassini, Christy Doyle, Joe Mahal, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, Jason Schaffer, Kimberly Schaffer, Glenn Sullivan, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: None.

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to table the minutes from May 12, 2011.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the minutes from May 23, 2011.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Mahal abstaining.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the executive session minutes from May 12, 2011 and May 23, 2011. Motion carried in a voice vote with Mahal abstaining from May 12, 2001 and May 23, 2011 minutes.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the months ending May 31, 2011, as per copies attached, and to certify that as of May 31, 2011, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of my knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.12(e) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

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Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the bills from May 24, 2011 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$2,092,888.29.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the cafeteria bills from May 24, 2011 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$23,293.83.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ed O'Melia thanked Dr. Frederiks for the past two years working with the district and then welcomed Catherine Mozak as Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2011.

Dr. Frederiks also thanked the board for the past 2 years working with the district.

Public Comment:

Susan Cullen asked if the new bus driver was for 2011-2012. She also asked if the executive session minutes were posted on-line.

**13.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Kim Schaffer, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the following **Personnel/Curriculum** items 13.1.1 to 13.1.26.

Motion by Christy Doyle, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to amend the effective date of September 1, 2011 to July 1, 2011 in item 13.1.13.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to remove item 13.1.22.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cassini abstaining from items 13.1.9 and 13.1.24, Vonder Haar voting no to items 13.1.1, 13.1.19 and 13.1.20, amend the effective date in item 13.1.13 to July 1, 2011, and remove item 13.1.22.

**13.1.1** Approve the employment of Tom Thorsen as bus driver at an annual salary of \$18,900.00 effective September 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

**13.1.2** Rescind the appointment of Linda McClune as Student Leadership Coordinator (SLC) with a stipend of \$900.00 for the 2010-2011 school year.

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**13.1.3** Approve the appointment of Linda McClune and Linda O'Connor as co-coordinators of the SLC program at Great Meadows Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year splitting the stipend of \$900.00 for \$450.00 each.

**13.1.4** Rescind the appointment of Casey Ritson as Student Council Advisor at Great Meadows Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year with a stipend of \$1,080.00.

**13.1.5** Approve the appointment of Casey Ritson and Martha Teixeira as Student Council Co-Advisors at Great Meadows Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year splitting the stipend of \$1,080.00 for \$540.00 each.

**13.1.6** Approve the payment of unused sick days to the following retirees:

Marilyn Kosiorek, Teacher

68.5 days at \$40.00 per day = \$2,740.00

Helene Palestri, Teacher

172 days at \$60.00 per day = \$10,320.00

Helene Palestri, Instructional Aide

36.5 days at \$20.00 per day = \$730.00

Total: \$11,050.00

Sandy Vliet, Teacher

134 days at \$40.00 per day = \$8,040.00

Sandy Vliet, Instructional Aide

35 days at \$20.00 per day = \$700.00

Total: \$8,740.00

**13.1.7** Approve the employment of Elizabeth Delfino as an Enrichment Aide at Allamuchy School District effective July 11, 2011 through August 4, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$8.92 pending criminal history review and approval.

**13.1.8** Accept, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Humphreys, cafeteria aide at Central School, effective June 30, 2011.

**13.1.9** Approve Dorothy Daniello, Hudson County Community College student, to complete 15 hours of observation for her State I Classroom Management course.

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- 13.1.10** Approve Mary Ann Zino as a substitute summer custodian effective July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011 at the hourly rate of \$10.15.
- 13.1.11** Approve Kyle Beam as a full time summer custodian effective July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011 at the hourly rate of \$10.15.
- 13.1.12** Accept, with regret, the resignation of Christine Nary, instructional aide at Central School, effective June 30, 2011.
- 13.1.13** Approve the shared services agreement for Janet Martin, as Child Study Team Director, between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy School District at the annual salary of \$54,461.57 effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
- 13.1.14** Approve the employment of Jeanne Tagliareni from part-time to full-time Pre-school Disabilities aide at the annual salary of \$10,657.50 effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
- 13.1.15** Approve the employment of Jill Ceasar Boyle, as social worker, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at Step 20 MA+15, at an annual salary of \$76,960.00 and also the Extended School Year social worker for three days this summer effective July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$53.08, pending Criminal History review and approval.
- 13.1.16** Approve the employment of Emily Vidal, as Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at Step 9 MA at an annual salary of \$56,210.00 and also the Extended School Year Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant for three days this summer effective July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 at an hourly rate of \$38.77, pending Criminal History review and approval.
- 13.1.17** Approve the employment of Lynn Ferguson, as Full-time Special Education Aide at Liberty School effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at the annual salary of \$10,500.00.
- 13.1.18** Approve movement on the guide to Marianne Woods, 2<sup>nd</sup>

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grade teacher, from Step 5B to Step 5 B+15 effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at an annual salary of \$51,980.00.

**13.1.19** Approve a stipend of \$25,000.00 split between principals' Ernest Batha, Israel Marmolejos, and Dineen Gruchacz for Curriculum duties during the 2011-2012 school year equaling \$8,333.33 each.

**13.1.20** Approve the proposal for tuition reimbursement for administrators at a maximum of \$12,000.00 annually to underwrite the cost of graduate program college tuition only.

**13.1.21** Approve the stipend of \$5,000.00 to Dean Tshudy for his responsibilities as Dean of Students at Great Meadows Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year.

**13.1.22** Removed.

**13.1.23** Approve the continuation of Dr. Sanjay Jain as the school doctor for Great Meadows Regional School District effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a retainer of \$3,500.00.

**13.1.24** Approve the following Extended School Year personnel during the Summer 2011:

Speech & Language Therapist - Sandy Simone  
Psychologist - Stephanie Conway  
CST Co-Facilitator - Sandy Simone  
PSD Program Aide - Jeannie Tagliareni at \$8.92 per hour  
PSD Program Aide - Tara Warnock at \$8.92 per hour  
PSD Shared Aide - Lynn Ferguson at \$8.92 per hour  
Enrichment Aide - Elizabeth Delfino at \$8.92 per hour  
Social Worker - Jill Ceasar Boyle  
LDTC - Emily Vidal

**13.1.25** Approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following bylaws, policies, and regulations:

ByLaw #0144 - Board Member Orientation and Training  
Policy #2440 - Summer Session  
Policy #3125.2 - Employment of Substitute Teachers  
Policy #5350 - Pupil Suicide Prevention  
Policy #5512 - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying  
Regulation #5512 - Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying

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Investigation Procedure  
Policy #5600 - Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct  
Policy #8461 - Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment,  
intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse  
Regulation #8461 - Reporting Violence, Vandalism,  
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and  
Other Drug Abuse

**13.1.26** Approve Catherine Mozak as Interim Superintendent at the rate of \$500 per diem, 3 to 5 days per week effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

**13.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the following **Finance** items 13.2.1 to 13.2.11 and to approve item 13.3.1.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting no to item 13.2.2.

**13.2.1** Approve the following personnel to attend workshops and/or conferences for the dates and costs listed below:

\$ - Denotes the need for a Substitute Teacher at \$80.00 per Diem.

PERSONNEL	WORKSHOP	APPROX COST	DATES
\$Jeanmarie Tagliareni	I Pad Summer Institute	\$ 130.00	7/12/11
\$Cheryl Wilson	NJ Health Conference	\$ 226.00	10/26/11

**13.2.2** Approve the annual contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Earthspec for transportation consulting services effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a cost of \$18,324.00 to be paid in monthly installments of \$1,527.00.

**13.2.3** Approve the Agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District and E Rate Partners for E-Rate services (Schools & Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism) for funding years 2012 (7/1/12-6/30/13) and 2013 (7/1/13-6/30/14) for a fee of \$2,250.00 per funding year.

**13.2.4** Approve the reimbursement by the district for the criminal background check or archive check for all Board Members per the new law A-444 enacted on May 26, 2011.

**13.2.5** Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional

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School District and Sunny Days Daycare for the period July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011 for the use of one classroom in the Middle School for a rent of \$500.00 per month for the hours of 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM from Monday through Thursday and an additional charge of \$180.00 for the week of June 20, 2011 to keep the building open until 6:00 PM for a total summer rental cost of \$1,180.00.

**13.2.6** Approve participation in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing Program for school materials and supplies for the 2011-2012 School Year.

**13.2.7** Approve a two year contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. through Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors with a 6% increase for the 2011-2012 and the premium remaining the same for the 2012-2013 school year.

**13.2.8** Approve a special education services contract for 2011-2012 between Great Meadows Regional School District and Mountain Lakes Board of Education for one student for five hours per month for ten months for fourteen weeks at a rate of \$126.00 per hour for a total cost of \$6,300.00.

**13.2.9** Approve the following resolution:

MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENDITURE FOR 2011-2012

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by State, local and federal funds; and

RESOLVED, That the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2011-12 school year as \$ 30,000 from Grant Funds (20).

**13.2.10** Approve the following budget transfers:

From: 11-000-270-511-000-000 Reg Transp Cont  
To: 11-000-262-420-000-000 Contracted Services  
\$885.00 Repair Chain Link Fence - Liberty Field.

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From: 11-000-252-320-000-000 Professional Services  
To: 11-000-262-420-000-000 Contracted Services  
\$2,150.00 Repair backstop - Liberty Field

From: 11-000-291-260-000-000 Workers Comp  
To: 11-000-262-622-000-000 Electricity  
\$2,000. 2011 - Energy needs.

From: 11-000-291-260-000-000 Workers Comp  
To: 11-000-262-624-000-000 Energy Oil  
\$1,286.79 - Energy needs

**13.2.11** Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE  
Educational Risk Insurance Consortium-WEST

(A FUND WITHIN THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION  
INSURANCE GROUP)

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Insurance Act, Assembly 1373, enacted and signed by the Governor in 1983, enables school districts to cooperate with each other to make the most efficient use of their powers and resources on a basis of mutual advantage in the areas of insurance and self-insurance and related services; and

WHEREAS, Great Meadows Regional Board of Education desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and

WHEREAS, Great Meadows Regional Board of Education finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other school districts across the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group and its bylaws provide a basis for securing this protection for member districts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION:

THAT the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education joins with other school districts in organizing and becoming members of the Sub fund of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (Educational Risk Insurance Consortium); and



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THAT, by adoption and signing of this resolution, the Board of Education is hereby joining the Sub fund of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (Educational Risk Insurance Consortium) effective the date indicted below, and for the duration of three consecutive years.

Adopted by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education, Great Meadows, New Jersey, for a membership term which began July 1, 2011 until July 1, 2014.

Julie R. Mumaw  
ATTEST  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary  
TITLE

Sub fund Service Provider - Brown & Brown of New Jersey, Inc.

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PERSONNEL	WORKSHOP	APPROX COST	DATES
D. Gruchacz	Legal I	\$110.00	July 12, 2011

Public Comment:

Susan Cullen stated the new meeting dates are not on the website and also asked two board members about their vote for the new Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw  
Board Secretary